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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Original) A conductive paste containing a binder containing ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of  $MW_L$  and ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of  $MW_H$  at a weight ratio of X:(1-X), where  $MW_L$ ,  $MW_H$  and X are selected so that  $X^*MW_L+(1-X)^*MW_H$  falls within a range of 145,000 to 215,000 and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of isobornyl acetate, dihydroterpinyl methyl ether, dihydroterpinyl oxyethanol, terpinyl methyl ether, terpinyl oxyethanol, d-dihydrocarveol, I-menthyl acetate, I-citronellol, I-perillylalcohol and acetoxy-methoxyethoxy-cyclohexanol acetate.
- 2. (Original) A conductive paste in accordance with Claim 1, wherein  $MW_L$ ,  $MW_H$  and X are selected so that  $X^*MW_L + (1-X)^*MW_H$  falls within a range of 155,000 to 205,000.
- 3. (Original) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component comprising a step of printing a conductive paste containing a binder containing ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of MW<sub>L</sub> and ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of MW<sub>H</sub> at a weight ratio of X: (1–X), where MW<sub>L</sub>, MW<sub>H</sub> and X are selected so that X\* MW<sub>L</sub> + (1–X)\* MW<sub>H</sub> falls within a range of 145,000 to 215,000 and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of isobornyl acetate, dihydroterpinyl methyl ether, dihydroterpinyl oxyethanol, terpinyl methyl ether, terpinyl oxyethanol, d-dihydrocarveol,

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I-menthyl acetate, I-citronellol, I-perillylalcohol and acetoxy-methoxyethoxy-cyclohexanol acetate on a ceramic green sheet containing an acrylic system resin as a binder in a predetermined pattern, thereby forming an electrode layer.

- 4. (Original) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component in accordance with Claim 3, wherein  $MW_L$ ,  $MW_H$  and X are selected so that  $X^*MW_L + (1-X)^*MW_H$  falls within a range of 155,000 to 205,000.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component in accordance with Claim 3-or-4, which further comprises a step of printing a dielectric paste containing a binder containing ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of MW<sub>L</sub> and ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of MW<sub>H</sub> at a weight ratio of X: (1-X), where MW<sub>L</sub>, MW<sub>H</sub> and X are selected so that X\* MW<sub>L</sub> + (1-X)\* MW<sub>H</sub> falls within a range of 110,000 to 180,000 and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of isobornyl acetate, dihydroterpinyl methyl ether, dihydroterpinyl oxyethanol, terpinyl methyl ether, terpinyl oxyethanol, d-dihydrocarveol, I-menthyl acetate, I-citronellol, I-perillylalcohol and acetoxy-methoxyethoxy-cyclohexanol acetate on the ceramic green sheet in a complementary pattern to that of the electrode layer after drying the electrode layer, thereby forming a spacer layer.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component in accordance with Claim 3-or-4, which further comprises a step of printing a dielectric paste containing a binder containing ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of MW<sub>L</sub> and ethyl cellulose having a weight average molecular weight of MW<sub>H</sub> at a weight ratio of X: (1-

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X), where  $MW_L$ ,  $MW_H$  and X are selected so that  $X^*MW_L + (1-X)^*MW_H$  falls within a range of 110,000 to 180,000 and at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of isobornyl acetate, dihydroterpinyl methyl ether, dihydroterpinyl oxyethanol, terpinyl methyl ether, terpinyl oxyethanol, d-dihydrocarveol, I-menthyl acetate, I-citronellol, I-perillylalcohol and acetoxy-methoxyethoxy-cyclohexanol acetate on the ceramic green sheet in a complementary pattern to that of the electrode layer prior to forming the electrode layer, thereby forming a spacer layer.

- 7. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component in accordance with any one of Claims 3-to 6, wherein the weight-average molecular weight of the acrylic system resin is equal to or larger than 250,000 and equal to or smaller than 500,000.
- 8. (Original) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the weight-average molecular weight of the acrylic system resin is equal to or larger than 450,000 and equal to or smaller than 500,000.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered unit for a multi-layered ceramic electronic component in accordance with any one of Claims 3-to 8, wherein the acid value of the acrylic system resin is equal to or larger than 5 mgKOH/g and equal to or smaller than 10 mgKOH/g.

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